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ART AT NIGHT FESTIVAL

Old Apothecary will turn into **Central Perk** from Friends



Yvette d'Entremont Metro | Halifax

For one night only, a downtown Halifax café is transforming itself into Central Perk, the coffee shop frequented by the characters from the sitcom Friends. As part of this year's Nocturne: Art at Night festival this Saturday, The Old Apothecary is doing double duty.

The establishment will host the Nostos Collectives Dance Association performance, Deconstructing Boundaries, in its upstairs The Old Apothecary's owner space. But downstairs, it'll be all about Central Perk.

"I'm going to be Monica because she was the chef, and we're going to have Rachel and Gunther and paint the windows up like Central Perk and just have fun with it," explained The Old Apothecary's owner Laura MacLeod on Tuesday. She

had initially considered getting large coffee cups to replicate those used at the fictional sitcom café, but is sticking with her usual ware.

MacLeod and her staff do plan to move things around a bit to make it more reminiscent of the Central Perk set, but for the most part they're going to "wing it."

"We were going to have a sofa stuck in the stairs with a repeat of Ross doing the pivot, but obviously now we can't block the stairs where the dance group is going to be," MacLeod laughed, referring to a scene where the character Ross tries to get a new sofa upstairs into his apartment.

MacLeod said Phoebe (a character well-known for strumming

I'm going to be

Monica because

Laura MacLeod

her guitar and singing her song 'Smelly Cat'), will also be there for the Nocturne event.

"We've told she was the chef. her she's not allowed to sing Smelly Cat more than once an

hour," MacLeod joked. Also, unlike the first season of the show, there will be no Marcel the monkey making an appearance.

The transformation of the café's space is an extension of Argyle Fine Art's Nocturne exhibit called GET SET, a group show featuring nostalgic pieces



Fun in the Central Perk Pop-Up Café in Sydney, Australia, in October 2015. The Old Apothecary cafe in Halifax will be recreating the famous Central Perk café this weekend as part of the annual Nocturne: Art at Night festival. GETTY IMAGES

inspired by TV shows from the charcoal drawings by artist Abipast and present.

"Welcome to Fox Mulder's office and Seinfeld's apartment," a press release states.

The gallery will also host The Slow Awakening, a show of gail Lower.

When asked about the Central Perk popup at Nocturne, chairwoman Lindsay Ann Cory laughed. "I knew there (was a project) happening at The Old

Apothecary but I didn't know about that one," Cory said.

"That's kind of the beauty of Nocturne though. A lot of the projects end up being quite rogue...They even surprise us on the night of."

MORE EVENTS

Gearing up for the night

An interactive installation at the law courts, a tea ceremony and a video installation on both sides of the harbour are just a few of the events happening this Saturday at part of this year's Nocturne: Art at Night festival.

"In past years it has been kind of sad to see Parade Square not being used during Nocturne...but this year we have three amazing projects happening at Parade Square," she said.

"One of them is a projection mapping City Hall to turn it into this wildlife projection so it's really bringing the natural into the urban. It's going to be the entire city hall. It will be impressive," she said. There are also many projects in Dartmouth this year, and all events run from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Cory said 30,000 people hit the streets of downtown Halifax for last year's Nocturne event.

For information

Check out nocturnehalifax. ca for a full list of events this Saturday.

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A vehicle submerged in a residential area of Sydney on Tuesday. More than 200 millimetres of rain fell in Cape Breton. VAUGHAN MERCHANT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nearly 150,000 outages across province: Nova **Scotia Power**

After hours of unrelenting rain, the roar came so suddenly it woke Helen Kendell. She went outside at 4 a.m. Tuesday to find her daughter frantic with fear and a "tsunami" of water coming down Main Street in Morrisville, N.L.

"It took everything in its path. It was a foaming river, it was unreal," Kendell said. She lives in a community of about 100 residents in the Bay d'Espoir region.

"My daughter was just screaming. She said, 'Mom, we're all going to be drowned,' because we didn't know what was happening. I lived here almost 60 years and I've never seen anything like this before. It was frightening."

In Morrisville, and much of Atlantic Canada, cleanup efforts

were underway Tuesday after a storm that brought torrential rain and strong winds, leaving thousands without power and washing out roads.

Among the worst hit was Cape Breton, which received more than 200 millimetres of rain. Wayne MacDonald, director of public works for the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, said Tuesday morning the extent of flooding damage is not yet known.

"Manhole covers have come off due to the pressures and in areas there is ... damage that cannot be seen yet with the waters this high," MacDonald told a news conference.

Photos on social media showed water reaching up to a car window in Cape Breton, waves battering the Canso Causeway and firefighters wading through nearly waist-deep water.

Nova Scotia Power said there were 144,000 outages across the province, and 45,000 homes and business were still without power Tuesday afternoon.

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Storm halts work on Fenwick Tower



Haley Ryan Metro | Halifax

Work has been stopped at the Fenwick Tower construction site after debris fell from the building in Monday's storm.

Just before 7 p.m. Monday, Halifax Fire closed down multiple streets around the south end tower for hours, until there was "no further risk to public safety" after debris from the exterior construction site fell to the ground.

Occupational health and safety officers conducted an on-site inspection of the Templeton Properties building Tuesday, labour department

spokeswoman Lisa Jarrett said in an e-mail. "Five orders were issued around scaffolding."

Jarrett said the orders will ensure "the scaffolding in question meets the regulations and that there is no risk to public safety."

Work will only resume once a part of the scaffold system has been certified by an engineer, Jarrett said.

HRM also sent out a municipal compliance officer Tuesday to assess the site, speak with the contractor about securing loose materials, and make sure there's no potential for something like this to happen again, said spokeswoman Tiffany Chase.



Construction will resume on Fenwick Tower once inspections deem it no longer a risk to public safety. JEFF HARPER/METRO

A Big Thank You! from The Halifax Central Poppy Fund



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Gun violence in crosshairs

DARTMOUTH NORTH

Community shares concerns at CeaseFire Halifax group



Yvette d'Entremont Metro | Halifax

A group whose mission is to "eliminate violence, in particular gun violence," is hosting its first official community response team meeting in Dartmouth's north end Wednesday

"It has been awhile that we've been talking about getting official community response teams off the ground. It was a very busy summer," said Amanda Bradshaw, a community mobilizer at CeaseFire Halifax.

The Halifax area experienced a spate of gun violence and gun-related deaths earlier this year. Bradshaw said the media attention from those incidents brought greater awareness to the community about CeaseFire Halifax and its mandate.



Halifax Regional Police search for evidence in the homicide of Joseph Cameron on Mount Edward Road in Dartmouth earlier this year, JEFF HARPER/METRO

"We had a lot of people from the summer from barbecues that we had and different community events approaching us saying, 'How can I get involved? I want to volunteer," she said.

"We wanted to get it up off

the ground in time for the cold weather so we'd have a space for everyone to congregate and talk about what's going on in the community."

Bradshaw said the community response teams will serve as a support system for CeaseFire Halifax. The four target communities include Dartmouth North, Uniacke Square, Mulgrave Park and North Preston.

"We are very connected with the community. Our staff memDATES, TIMES

Wednesday night's meeting for the community of Dartmouth North is being held at the Dartmouth North **Community Centre** at 6 p.m. There will be a meeting in Uniacke Square on Oct. 19, Mulgrave Park on Oct. 26 and in North Preston on Nov. 2. Meetings will then be held once a month in each location.

bers all come from the communities that we serve. But I know that everyone can relate that the more eyes and ears you have, the more information you're going to be receiving," she said.

"If we can involve community members and give them a safe space to talk about what's going on in the community without legal repercussions or judgement, then we want to be able to open up that space for them. And hopefully it will benefit our organization as well."

POLICE INVESTIGATION

Violence at junior hockey

Police in Nova Scotia are investigating after a hockey player was seriously injured during an on-ice incident.

New Glasgow police spokes-man Const. Ken MacDonald says the encounter between two junior B hockey players happened Sunday during a game at the Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre in Trenton.

MacDonald said an 18-yearold player from Pictou County was seriously injured while a player from Cape Breton was not hurt.

The young man was taken to a nearby hospital and later transferred to Halifax with serious head and other injuries.

MacDonald says police are investigating because of the severity of the player's injuries.

He said at this time they did not have specific information on the nature of the encounter between the two players.

MacDonald says anyone with photos or video of the incident is asked to contact the New Glasgow Police major crime unit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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METROTALKS MIKE SAVAGE



Mayor Mike Savage answers questions from Metro Halifax in our boardroom on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Development: OK'ing good, eliminating bad

Metro sat down with Mayor Mike Savage on Tuesday to talk about his platform heading into this month's munici-

pal election.

Here is a selection of questions from Metro managing editor Philip Croucher and reporter Zane Woodford, and answers from Savage, edited for length, and organized into

Where's the right balance? Are we there yet? Are we going to see more? Or do you think we're at the point where we need to start slowing down?

When I was elected mayor, only 17 per cent of all development was in the core of the city. Obviously you want development in the core. The downtown is sort of the showcase to the world for our community.

But we only had 17 per cent. We wanted at least 25 per cent.

The last couple years, it's been 40 per cent. So that's a good thing, as long as it doesn't take away from rural economic development, which we also target 25 per cent.

So I think that there's room for good development. The answer to development is not that all development is good or all development

is bad. Good development is good and bad development is bad.

Are you still fully supportive of the Nova Centre?

People seem to either love it or hate it. I think it's gonna be good for the city.

I want to protect the city's interests throughout the pro-

So when there's a delay, for example that may be coming down next year, I want to make sure that what we're doing in the community for the businesses continues. Ie. The streetscaping on Argyle

That needs to go ahead

next year. We need to make sure that the delays don't impact upon that ... This is gonna be a development that's gonna bring conventions that we could never get before. We're seeing that. So that's a good thing.

But yes, it's disappointing when things don't get done... From my point of view, we don't stand to lose a lot of money on the convention centre if it's delayed.

I'm more concerned about building the community around the convention centre that's walkable and bikeable and liveable, as green as possible, as friendly to consumers as possible."

Poverty: 'We need to do more on that'

Will you commit to implementing a food security strategy?

The city's done really well the last four years economically, but not everybody's benefiting equally. So yeah, we need to do more on that... Doing more things like the food bus, perhaps doing more things like the community orchards — the fruit and nut trees we have in Dartmouth community gardens, which we have now, but we can do more.

And I think one of the

things the city can look at is working with other levels of government to reduce food insecurity, to reduce social exclusion, to increase housing opportunities, to look at how transit should be more available to people... All those things add up to poverty.

It's not just food security or housing or the environment in which people live, it's all of those things.

What is your plan to create more affordable and social housing in HRM and

how would you go about implementing it?

Well we've already started, I campaigned on housing in the last election, and when we talked about it as council, a lot of councillors said, 'That's not our job here in Nova Scotia, that's the provincial government.'

But as I tell people, when it comes to housing, the feds may have the money and the province may have the responsibility, but the cities have the problem... We're part of the housing first

project that is taking people right off the street, those who are the most destitute, the most in need of a roof, because it all starts with a roof ... There are lots of people, if you can get housing opportunities close to transit, they don't need a car. That saves them money as

Housing is important for all cities, even those in provinces like Nova Scotia, where you could legislatively say that housing is not our responsibility. It has to be.

METROTALKS MIKE SAVAGE

OTHER IMPORTANT TOPICS DISCUSSED **WITH THE MAYOR**

ZANE WOODFORD METRO



Would you support the creation of a regulatory framework for dispensaries, somewhat like what Vancouver has done, and what might that look like?

I don't know what that would look like. Right now, as the law is changing, and I certainly understand why the law is changing, I think that there's a real appetite for that in a lot of cases, it's going to put a real burden on municipalities to respond. Before marijuana is deemed legal, we can't break the law. Once it is determined that there's a role for that, then as a city we'll have to react.



What would you do to make cyclingsafer in the municipality?

Well we'll continue the momentum we have. I don't think a lot of people thought we'd have 110 kilometres of bike lanes four years ago. I don't think people thought we'd have protected bike lanes... I think that cycling is a sign of a progressive city. Cycling is good for health, good for environment, it takes wear and tear off roads... I hear from a lot of people, 'You're building all these bike lanes, why are you doing that? I don't see people in the bike lanes.' Well, in some cases that's true. But it's not just about who's cycling now, it's about who's going to be cycling in five years, and how do we enable that? ... We absolutely need a more connected system.



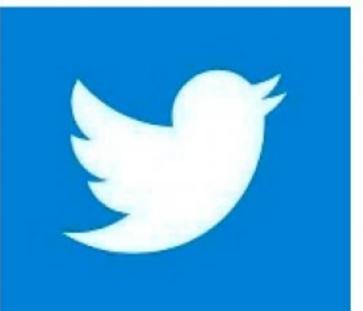
From reader Chris Parsons on Twitter: Given the last 12 months why have neither policing nor race been issues you've wanted to discuss?

I discuss them all the time. You can ask Quentrel Provo, for example, the person who has organized this group, Stop the Violence Spread the Love. We talk about it a lot. I've been involved in a number of meetings in the last few months alone with members of the African Nova Scotian community, and with law enforcement and others. Crime is down, and that's a good thing, but we know we have certain areas where crime is an issue. Social media, sexual violence against women and girls, and we still have issues of gun violence in the city. And as mayor, I see it as my role to try to facilitate a number of those solutions... The murders are down, which is a good thing, but until we get them down to zero, it



Will there be a day that Halifax has an outdoorstadium?

I think Halifax should have a stadium at some point in time, but whether it'll be a professional football stadium or whether it might be a smaller sized stadium, whether there's room in the core of the city to do something...the Wanderers Grounds as an example, maybe there's something we can do with that that wouldn't probably be CFL ready, but a stadium is about more than professional sports. It's about building the kind of community people want to live in. Council had determined last year that a stadium is not on the horizon for us, a big football stadium, so that's where we are. At some point I think we will have a stadium, but it's not in the next couple of years.



What are your thoughts on usage of Twitter by councillors?

On the positive side, as I've always said, Twitter has the advantage of giving people your immediate unvarnished opinion. On the negative side, it gives people your immediate unvarnished opinion. So you can either be Donald Trump, or you can be somebody who looks at it more judiciously, and says, 'How do I want to use social media?' ... I won't tweet at three o'clock in the morning. It makes no sense. That's the difference between me and some other candidates for different office... All I tell people is, 'Think twice, and press post once.'... I don't think you can tell people how they conduct themselves.



After the recent string of alleged sexual assaults by cab drivers, what would you do to make women feel safe intaxis?

This is an issue that is important to me as a mayor, but it also hits me as a father of a 20-year-old daughter who occasionally goes downtown... We have to have taxis that are safe for people...What I'm asking for is an independent expert to come in and have a look at our circumstances here, and say, 'Are there ideas that we can come up with?' And work with the cab industry, and work with the police, and work with groups that deal with violence against women....You can't say that it's OK for somebody to drive during the day, but not at night. That goes against the very fundamental principle of making sure that we don't blame victims for what happens in a cab.



EQUALITY GRÉGOIRE-TRUDEAU CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau takes selfies after opening the market at the TSX in Toronto to celebrate International Day of the Girl on Tuesday. She also used the occasion to launch Facebook and Instagram feeds of her own. "It's time," she wrote. "On this International Day of the Girl, it's time to share the amazing journey we're on together." EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Citizenship fees up, applications down

2016 saw 1/3 of applications compared to previous years

The number of immigrants applying for Canadian citizenship has plummeted for the second year in a row in the wake of hefty application fee hikes Ottawa introduced in recent years.

The trend has prompted fears that the current citizenship costs — \$530 per adult, plus a \$100 right of citizenship fee - are creating a growing underclass of newcomers who can't afford the fee and hence are prevented from full integration and participation in Canadian society, according to a report published in the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

According to the latest government data, only 36,000 citizenship applications were received from January to June in 2016, just more than one-third

of the number for the same period last year.

In 2015, a total of 130,000 citizenship applications were submitted to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, compared to an average of 200,000 received in previous years.

"The decline is so significant that it cannot be ignored," said retired immigration department director-general Andrew Griffith, who obtained the government statistics for policy analysis for the Montreal-based Institute for

ernment raised the citizenship fee to \$300 from \$100 per adult in 2014, and again to \$530 last year — to fully recover the pro-cessing cost of applications. The fee had been held constant at \$100 for almost two decades.

Although immigration officials said at the time the fee hikes would have no impact on the number of immigrants applying to become citizens, Griffith said the data clearly shows otherwise.

Besides the fee hikes, the only



Research on Public Policy.

"I had thought the citizenship fee increases would provoke a decline in applications, but I was surprised by the steepness of the decline."

Griffith's report came just as Canada is celebrating Citizenship Week.

The former Conservative gov-

major change to the citizenship program was the new requirement for applicants between the age of 55 and 64 to pass the knowledge test.

"If the current 2016 trend continues, we will have 300,000 new immigrants and far less than 100,000 new citizens," Griffith cautioned. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Top soldier fined \$2,000 for accidental gunshot

Canada's top special forces soldier has been fined \$2,000 after accidentally firing his weapon near another military officer last year.

A military judge handed down the punishment after Maj.-Gen. Mike Rouleau pleaded guilty at a court martial on Tuesday to one count of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline. The case stemmed from an incident in northern Iraq last December, where 170 Canadian special forces were training Kurdish

forces in the fight against Daesh. According to a statement of facts read during the court martial, Rouleau and another officer were getting ready to visit a forward operating base after presenting several soldiers with medals when his rifle fired one

round. The bullet hit the ground

less than two feet from the other

After the shot was fired, Rouleau expressed surprise, saying: "I can't believe that just happened." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Loans to doctors, nurses mistakenly forgiven

The federal government is keeping closer tabs on a student loan program targeting doctors and nurses after many of them had loans mistakenly forgiven over the past two years.

The federal government launched the doctors and nurses loan forgiveness program in 2013 to act as an incentive for medical school graduates to practice in underserved areas of the country, or communities that had a hard time attracting new family doctors.

But documents show 30 of them should never have received

\$31 million

Since its launch, the federal program has forgiven about \$31 million in student loans to about 5,000 doctors and nurses.

the help during the program's first two years of existence.

Documents from Employment and Social Development Canada, which oversees the student loans program, show the

mistake was first noticed in September 2015 when provincial officials in Saskatchewan alerted their federal counterparts.

The Saskatchewan government set up its own loan forgiveness program for nurses the same year the federal program launched. The documents suggest the private company contracted to administer both programs, DH Corporation (also known as D+H), made the errors that saw about \$113,000 in loans mistakenly forgiven.

A March briefing note to Labour Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk, a copy of which The Canadian Press obtained under the Access to Information Act, shows that between February and August of this year ESDC officials verified every decision by D+H to forgive a loan while system upgrades were made.

The briefing note says all 30 loan recipients were told they didn't have to pay back any of the money, but warned they wouldn't be eligible to have more of their loans written off unless they work in eligible communities.

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People walk down a debris-covered street in the commune of Port-a-Piment, in Les Cayes, Haiti. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

'There's no aid' in Haiti

NATURAL DISASTER

Country needs \$120 million, **UN estimates**

People throughout Haiti's devastated southwest peninsula formed makeshift brigades Tuesday to clear debris and try to regain some semblance of their pre-hurricane lives as anger grew over the delay in aid for remote communities more than a week after the Category 4 storm hit.

A community group that formed in the southern seaside community of Les Anglais began clearing tree limbs from streets and placing them into piles while others gathered scraps of wood to start rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Matthew.

Carpenter James Nassau donned a white construction helmet as he rebuilt a neighbour's wall with recycled wood, hoping to earn a little money to take care of 10 children, including those left behind by his brother, who died in the storm.

"My brother left five kids, and now I've got to take care of them," he said. "Nobody has come to help."

The scene repeated itself across small seaside and mountain villages dotting the peninsula, where people pointed out helicopters buzzing over-

DISASTER

U.S. bracing for more

Matthew's death toll in the U.S. climbed to 30, half of them in North Carolina, in addition to the more than 500 feared dead in Haiti. Tens of thousands of people have been warned to move to higher ground since the hurricane drenched North Carolina.

head and questioned why they haven't received any help.

Israel Banissa, a carpenter who lives near the small mountain town of Moron, said a Red Cross assessment team stopped outside his village to ask people questions but didn't leave any supplies.

'There's no aid that's come here," he said as he sawed wood to help rebuild his home and dozens of others.

The UN humanitarian agency in Geneva has made an emergency appeal for nearly \$120 million in aid, saying about 750,000 people in southwest Haiti alone will need "life-saving assistance and protection" in the next three months. UN officials said earlier that at least 1.4 million people across the region need assistance and that 2.1 million have been affected by the hurricane. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Girl found wrapped in dead parents' arms

Rescuers pulled out a threeyear-old girl who survived under the remains of collapsed homes in the arms of her dead parents, state media reported. The three were found under the rubble 15 hours after decrepit homes collapsed in China, killing 22 people. Six people survived. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aid groups say dismantling refugee camp won't work

Charities working with refugees and migrants living in a slum-like camp in northern France are objecting to the government's plan to dismantle the site and disperse the occupants, saying French authorities should not act in haste. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama still wants to send humans to Mars

President Barack Obama sought Tuesday to reinvigorate his sixyear-old call for the U.S. to send humans to Mars by the 2030s, a mission NASA has been slowly and quietly trudging away at.

The White House was calling attention to government contracts awarded to six companies to build prototypes for "habitats" that could sustain human life in deep space. One such privately developed habitat — an inflatable room - is already attached to the International Space Station. Obama also said that within two years, private companies like SpaceX and Boeing will taxi astronauts to the space station with NASA as a customer.

NASA officials and outside space experts said there is little new in what's coming out of the White House on Mars, something NASA has taken to calling its "Journey To Mars."

The president planned to discuss the initiative further when he meets with scientists, engineers and academics at an innovation summit Thursday in Pittsburgh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



NASA's plan in one image. President Barack Obama called new attention to his six-year-old call for the U.S. to send humans to the red planet by the 2030s. NASA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Former oilsands exec makes leap to fashion

Jean-Michel Gires designs clothing for women

An oilsands executive known for employing the art of the deal is putting his passion for the art of photography into a new line of silk scarves, spandex leggings and other women's clothing.

Jean-Michel Gires set French energy giant Total S.A. on course for a massive buildup of oilsands production while heading the company's Canadian branch in Calgary from 2009 to 2013.

At one point, he vowed the company would spend \$20 billion to achieve 200,000 barrels per day of oilsands production by 2020 (a timeline Total has since backed away from, in part because of low oil prices).

He returned to head office in



Oil executive turned fashion designer Jean-Michel Gires displays his scarves at a studio in Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Paris when his Calgary gig was up but says that, after 25 years, he was no longer interested in life as a travelling executive. He resigned and moved back to Calgary, first as a partner in a clean-tech venture capital firm and now as the founder and chief designer for a clothing startup that bears his name, By Jean Michel.

In a recent interview, the

58-year-old mining engineer said that he simply needed to be free to pursue his true calling. He spoke at a Calgary photo studio where a fashion photographer, model and stylists were shooting catalogue shots for his 2017 line of scarves, leggings, decorative hand fans and, for the first time, kimonos.

"When I decided to leave Total and decide what I wanted to do with my interest in innovation, all of my passion for photography came back,"' he said.

Gires was an early fan of digital photography, buying his first camera 20 years ago so he could share with family and friends sights from his many foreign Total assignments.

His focus changed, though, after he photographed light reflecting and creating patterns as it danced over moving water in a river near Paris. He decided to make reflecting patterns his "niche" as a photographer.

He finds the patterns everywhere now, on the sides of glass and metal buildings or on mountain lakeshores. When the pattern is turned into a mosaic and printed on highquality fabric, it also produces a "story" that can be printed on a card for the purchaser to share with those who admire her new garment.

Gires' products can be purchased at byjeanmichel.com. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Samsung stopping Note 7 production

Samsung Electronics said Tuesday it is stopping production of Galaxy Note 7 smartphones permanently, a day after stopping global sales of the ill-fated devices amid reports that batteries were catching fire.

The South Korean company is struggling to regain consumer trust after a first round of recalls that prompted criticism both for the faulty devices and for the company's handling of the problem. After the earlier recall, the company said it had identified a manufacturing defect in the batteries of its top-of-the-line smartphone.

It started shipping new Note 7 phones that were supposed to be safer. But reports that even the replacements were catching fire led Samsung to announce it was stopping sales of the devices.

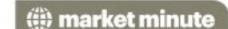
Authorities in the U.S. and South Korea are still investigating why even the replacement Note 7 phones are catching fire. An official at the South Korean safety agency said the replacement phones may have a defect that is different from the problem with the original Note 7s.

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Housing starts up, but...

Residential construction was hotter than expected in September as the pace of housing starts picked up nationally, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said. Toronto was an exception, with the rate dropping mainly as a result of fewer apartment Starts. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD TELLS A SURVIVOR'S STORY

'I FELT SICK AND TERRIBLY ANGRY'

Sexual assault is the violent crime least likely to be reported, and the only one not in decline. Only a fraction of survivors who come forward will ever see their stories told in court. Over the course of the past six months, Metro has been following the case of one woman in her 20s who decided, against the odds, to go to the police. **This is what it takes to seek justice.**

It took Lindsey nearly 10 years. But in May, she decided it was time to go to the police.

She'd been calling crisis hotlines in B.C., where she lives. "It was the first time I'd heard anyone say to me, 'Childhood sexual abuse,'" she said. That language used by the hotline counsellors gave her the right words, and made it possible to call the police, despite then-swirling news of the Jian Ghomeshi trial and the vitriol thrown at the women who testified against him.

"I honestly didn't know whether or not reporting was a good idea, if it would bring any good at all," she told me. "I didn't know if I had a case."

When she was 15, in 2007, Lindsey (Metro agreed to use only her first name) met a man twice her age, an instructor at an arts program. She said that he showed romantic interest in her, told her he loved her and encouraged a sexual relationship. Over the course of the year, he initiated increasingly "depraved, animal-level" sexual behaviour, she said, and would take her to forested areas and even his mother's house to have coercive sex.

Then the sexual encounters grew to include her best friend, who was 14. When Lindsey's friend's family found out, they called the police.

Lindsey said the man told her he would kill himself if she told the truth. So she downplayed the relationship and sexual encounters.

The resulting investigation, which ended without charges, splintered her life, damaging friend and family bonds and triggering years of pain and struggle.

But now, in 2016, she'd decided what happened to her was profoundly wrong. She

'I think if I had just said OK, they would have let it lie.' needed reconciliation. She needed some kind of justice.

Lindsey called the RCMP in Surrey. They scheduled an interview at a detachment two tact over the months to come. "I feel like I got lucky. I really do."

It was dark and late by the time they stopped talking that day, and the officers offered me? Can I get protection?"

The experience of recounting her story was "oddly traumatizing" and she felt "swept up again" into the emotions, and the harm.



STRUCTURAL BARRIERS An RCMP cruiser drives past a stop sign on Parliament Hill. The experience of Lindsey, who told Metro about what she went through in reporting to RCMP sexual abuse that she says occurred in 2007, shows that even when police are co-operative and helpful, justice for survivors remains elusive. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Her fears were many: "My life's going to be ruined, or maybe nothing will happen, or they'll tell me it wasn't childhood sexual abuse." Also: would it matter that she had denied the abuse years earlier?

The interview lasted about two and a half hours, in an interrogation room, "which was disconcerting," she said. There were black marks on the white walls, as if tables had been slammed against them. A couch would have been nice, she thought, but the officers themselves were empathetic, understanding and professional. They didn't make her feel at fault, or disbelieved. She answered detailed questions about how she met the man and about specific sex acts.

"I was blown away by his sensitivity," Lindsey said of Const. Gregory Montgomery, who would be her main conto get her a cab. Montgomery told Lindsey he'd be in touch, making no promises, which she appreciated. "It made me trust him," she said.

A few weeks later, she emailed Montgomery for an update, and he told her they'd recovered the original file from 2007. They were going to look into it.

A month passed. And another.

Lindsey periodically called or emailed for updates. But there wasn't always much to report.

"This is way freaking harder than we thought it was going to be," she told me at the time. "You're upset, you're anxious, you're wondering what's happening. Is anything happening?"

She began worrying that police were contacting the accused. "What if he comes after But she had unique support in her childhood best friend, the one who had also been involved with the man in 2007. They'd reconnected as adults, and on the day Lindsey filed her complaint with police, her friend filed one too. The friend spoke with different officers, who got back to her much sooner with bad news: No charges.

Then on June 30, Montgomery called. The Surrey RCMP's Sexual Victims Unit had reviewed the file. "He said, 'I'm sorry to tell you this, but we can't move any farther with the case," Lindsey recalled. Her original statement, which downplayed the sexual events, would undermine her credibility now. Police only recommend charges when there's a reasonable expectation of a conviction in court.

"I put the phone down and

ran upstairs and started to sob," she said. "I felt sick and terribly angry and filled with an overwhelming feeling of injustice."

Then she began to wonder: Had police really done all they could? Neither Lindsey nor her friend had been interviewed to support one another's claims. Nor had Lindsey's parents been reinterviewed. She hadn't been asked to try and dig up text messages or emails from the man.

She researched the laws that would have applied to her case at the time. The age of consent in 2007 was 14 (she was 15) but it was and remains 18 for sexual activity that exploits a young person through prostitution, pornography or a position of authority — meaning charges like sexual interference and sexual exploitation could apply.

Montgomery told her that the RCMP's SVU conducted the initial investigation in 2007. Lindsey's father told me that he recalled an officer discussing the inappropriateness of the age difference. He was told that "because the age of consent was 14 at the time of the incident and because no formal complaint was made at the time, there was really nothing they could do. But what they were going to do was keep an eye on this guy, and in his words, let him know that he's being watched."

Lindsey said that the man's boss — who, as owner of the company that ran the arts program, could establish his role of authority — was never interviewed, either during the initial investigation or at any point afterward. She knows this because while officers were reviewing the original file this year, Lindsey had gone to talk to the boss, to find out what she knew.

Over the next months, Lindsey continued to call Montgomery, asking him about the age of consent for sexual interference, a charge that seemed to fit her case, since the man had been in a position of authority and she hadn't yet turned 18.

I called Montgomery myself for an update on the case earlier this month, and then, a week later, RCMP's national headquarters. That's when he called back to say he was referring the case, for a second time this year, to the SVU.

"(Lindsey) brought up some very valid questions about it, so I'm going to push it to SVU and have them re-review it," he said. Montgomery, who is new to the force this year, did not explain why it was Lindsey, not the SVU, that raised these questions.

For Lindsey, that means the case it not over. It means hope: "The fact that he's pushing it, that he is taking it and reconsidering after everything I've brought up. That he's doing his due diligence.

"I think if I had just said OK, they would have just let it lie," she said. "It would have stayed the same. It required me to push."





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Saying goodbye is never easy



HBO's new series Divorce stars Sarah Jessica Parker and Thomas Haden Church, who seem to have interpreted the script in different ways. CONTRIBUTED



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

THE SHOW: Divorce, Season 1, Episode 3

THE MOMENT: The mismatched mates

Frances (Sarah Jessica Parker) and Robert (Thomas Haden Church) are splitting up. For the first time, he'll sleep elsewhere.

As they part, he stands at the bottom of the stairs; she sits a few steps up. "Let's not have a big emotional scene," he says. "Just remember something: I always loved you."

"I loved you," she says.

"Goodbye, Frances," he says. "Goodbye, Robert," she replies.

He doesn't move, "Goodbye," he says.

"Good...bye?" she says.
"I really need to use the wash-

room," he says. "In a hurry."
"Go ahead," she says. He
doesn't move.

"Can you go upstairs?" he asks. "I don't want your last memory of me in this house to be ... you know."

She walks upstairs and sits on her bed. For a moment she's sad. Then, FLUSH. She hears Robert's voice ("Come on!") and the sound of plunger on porcelain. FLUSH again.

This is not a relaxing series to watch. The subject matter is sharply observed; it often feels original and true. But the tone is uneasy.

Series creator Sharon Horgan, the genius behind Catastrophe, is an expert at saying hurtful things with a smile in her voice. I suspect she writes Frances and Robert that way. The problem is, Church interprets that voice as comedy — often broad comedy — while Parker seems to hear it as occasionally-funny drama.

It's easy to see why Frances and Robert are splitting. But with Parker and Church in different acting hemispheres, what's difficult is understanding why they were together in the first place.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Was Parker's decision to claim the Frances role a way to purge herself of her Carrie Bradshaw past?

"I don't WANT to be done with that association," she says. "I loved it! But I'm an actor, I always was, and now my job is to share who Frances is with the audience."

Through six HBO seasons and two feature films, Carrie, with her goofy couture and

on HBO's Divorce
saucy lexicon ("frenemies,"
"toxic bachelor"), helped give
life to a then-new phase of
women's liberation and made
Sex and the City a cultural

audience: We're

asking them to be

part of combat

Sarah Jessica Parker

"With this show, I think we're initially asking more of our audience: We're asking them to be part of combat," says Parker. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





The return of the cupcake

RECIPE

Pair of Toronto bakers bring simplicity back to sweet treat

It's not that pastry chefs Allyson Bobbitt and Sarah Bell are militant on how to do cupcakes ("We're not saving lives here," Bell quips) — they just want to demystify the techniques behind picture-perfect cupcakes for people who are either scared of baking or have written off cupcakes as a passing fad.

We all remember the cupcake trend in the 2000s. Cupcake shops opened at the pace of Starbucks. Cupcake Wars debuted on the Food Network in 2009, pitting bakers against each other to create the most extreme cupcake. The trend reached parody levels in 2012 when a Vancouver bakery called ManCakes rolled out cupcakes with hot sauce frosting topped with crispy chicken skin. In the same year, the cupcake vending machine debuted in American cities. Cupcakes became a joke.

So when Bobbitt and Bell opened their pastry shop, Bobbette & Belle, in Toronto's Leslieville six years ago, they stripped the cupcake down to what people liked about them in the first place — familiar flavours such as vanilla, chocolate and salted caramel. Fluffy swirls of buttercream in calming neutral tones and the occasional pastel.

The return to simplicity worked, leading to a second midtown location two years ago and this month the release their first cookbook, Bobbette & Belle: Classic Recipes from the Celebrated Pastry Shop (\$35, Viking).

Brown Sugar Cupcakes With Salted Caramel **Buttercream and Caramel** Drizzle

Ingredients (for the brown sugar cupcakes):

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp (7 mL) baking soda
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt

- 1 1/4 cups (310 mL) lightly packed brown sugar
- · 2 large egg whites, room temperature
- 3/4 cup (185 mL) buttermilk, room temperature
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) pure vanilla
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) unsalted butter, melted and cooled

Directions:

- 1. Insert liners in a standard 12-cupcake pan.
- 2. In a mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.
- 3. In a stand mixer with the whisk attachment, mix brown sugar and egg whites on medium speed until well combined. Add buttermilk and vanilla and continue to whisk on medium until well combined. Add butter and whisk until well-combined.
- 4. Set mixer to low speed and slowly add flour mixture until well incorporated.
- 5. Divide batter evenly into cupcake pan, filling each cupcake liner about 3/4 full.
- 6. Bake at 350F (175C) for 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into centre of cupcake comes out clean.
- 7. Let cupcakes cool in pan for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely before decorating.

Ingredients (for salted caramel sauce):

- 1 cup (250 mL) granulated
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) 35 per cent
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) fleur de sel, maldon or kosher salt

Directions:

1. In a medium saucepan



Allyson Bobbitt and Sarah Bell have kept their cupcakes simple, with familiar flavours like chocolate, vanilla and salted caramel. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Sarah and I love classic flavours, and I think sometimes with trends taking it to the next level means adding 18 million things and adding bacon and all this crazy stuff

Allyson Bobbitt

over medium-high heat, heat a half cup of sugar, stirring constantly until sugar melts and turns a golden colour. Be careful not to burn. Add remaining sugar and continue to whisk until everything has melted and turned golden brown.

2. Reduce heat to medium low. On a gentle simmer, add cream slowly, whisking until everything has combined. Add salt and continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until any hard sugar bits have dissolved. Immediately remove from heat and cool completely before using. Sauce can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to two weeks.

Ingredients (for salted caramel buttercream):

- 4 large white eggs
- 1 cup (250 mL) granulated
- · 2 cups (500 mL) room temperature unsalted butter, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tsp (5 mL) pure vanilla extract

 1/4 cup (60 mL) salted caramel sauce

Directions:

- Use a double boiler or fill a medium-sized saucepan with one inch of water. Bring to a gentle simmer. Place a large heatproof bowl over sauce-
- 2. Whisk together egg whites and sugar until it reaches 140F (70C) on a candy thermometer.
- Immediately transfer to a bowl on a stand mixer with a whisk attachment. Whip on medium-high speed until mixture has cooled to room temperature, has doubled in volume and holds mediumstiff peaks, 8 to 10 minutes.
- 4. Reduce speed to slow and add 2 cubes of butter to mixer. Increase speed to medium-high to incorporate. Repeat with remaining cubes of butter. Reduce speed and add vanilla and caramel sauce. Whisk on high again until light and fluffy, 1 to 2



minutes.

To assemble:

 Cut off pointed tip of pastry bag and fit with a coupler and desired pastry tip (a large round or star tip works well). Using a rubber spatula, fill bag halfway with buttercream. Push buttercream

down toward tip to get rid of air bubbles. Twist top of bag to close.

- Hold twisted end of bag with your dominant hand. Use other hand to guide piping bag as you decorate.
- 3. Hold piping bag at a perpendicular angle, hovering just above cupcake. Begin piping by applying gentle pressure with your dominant hand, squeezing out buttercream in a steady stream, at centre of cupcake and work outwards, then swirl up and work inwards to create a beehive shape. Garnish with salted caramel drizzle and toffee bits. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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PET LIFE

Socializing your puppy

Socializing your puppy brings benefits for the dog and its owner — and can help encourage a calm, peaceful social experience.

"Having a well socialized dog means you can take a dog to the park, let it off leash, and know it's going to have a positive experience," explained Tabea Stawitz, daycare supervisor and trainer at Halifax's Jollytails. "It also means you can walk down the street confidently and have a happy and calm dog."

Stawitz said she enourages people to make a targetted push on socialization starting at eight weeks old. "From eight to 16 weeks is their socialization period. At 16 weeks, they start their fear period, so you want to ensure the dog is well socialized by that point," she said. However, it's never too late to socialize a dog. If you get an older dog or a rescue, you can encourage socialization, but you need to be



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more cautious.

"Look for stress signs," Stawitz said. "When dogs yawn, if their eyes go wide and they look uncomfortable, or if they have excessive panting without exercise or heat, those are all calming signals for the dog."

There is a difference between on-leash and off-leash socialization, however. And people tend to make that mistake, encouraging their dogs to interact with other on-leash dogs during walks.

"That would be the equivalent of us stopping and saying hello to every person we meet on the street," she said. "That's not something we do and not everyone wants to be greeted, just like not every dog wants to be approached on a leash — and that can lead to leash reactivity."

Stawitz said she limits interactions to a five-second "meet and greet" then moves on. And when it comes to treats, she reserves those for human-dog interaction to prevent dogs from getting aggressive with other dogs and protecting their resources.

Socialization is more than just other dogs and people. Stawitz pointed to a socialization checklist by Dr. Sophia Lyn, which highlights a number of socialization checkpoints.

"Socialization involves a lot of elements," she said. "For example, you can bring out a blender in the summer. If the dog's never heard that sound in all winter, then all of the sudden the blender turns on, it can get scared and start peeing in the corner."

And, finally, the humans are the ones that need to stick it out. "When people stop, it's because they've had a negative experience," she said. "If you have a bad experience with your child, you don't give up — you just work to make sure the next experience is positive. The same should apply to your puppy."

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Bringing the pet salon to you

Treating dogs to a spa day — right at home — is the best idea since tennis balls.

Kelsey Johnston launched All 4 Paws, a stateof-the-art mobile dog salon last year.

After working with animals for years in a number of different roles, Johnston found herself working in a high-level corporate position in Australia.

"I left my role, moved home to be closer with family and follow my dreams to be an entrepreneur. I knew Halifax didn't have anything like what I'm offering for mobile grooming," she said. "I wanted to combine my passion for animals with a hands-on business entity."

She also started with a vision of having multiple salon trucks in several cities. The growth she's seen so far in Halifax — in such a short time — proves there is an enormous appetite for mobile grooming.

"The truck was on the road in March 2015 and here I am in October 2016 and I'm overloaded," she said. "I'm at the point where if it's just me, I can't accept any new clients while maintaining the high level of service that I provide to my existing clients."

This overwhelming demand means Johnston is looking for people who share her love of animals and her core values of animal welfare, excellence, integrity, knowledge, communication, teamwork and love for all things with four legs to join the team.

"My vision for All 4 Paws is to be a household name in grooming by leading the industry in service, proper regulation and quality. My aspirations for the company are to be able to franchise, and help groomers run a successful business helping the pets we love.

"I auditioned my company at Dragon's Den in April, which will be airing in the upcoming 2016/2017 season," she said. "My priority at this moment is to find team members to grow with me."



Cat-friendly care and exotics welcome, too

Veterinary medicine is ever changing and Carnegy Animal Hospital moves right along with it.

Dr. Eric Carnegy is celebrating his 40th year in practice in 2017 and the whole team at Carnegy Animal Hospital is also celebrating a number of changes at the practice.

"We have new exterior signage highlighting our American Animal Hospital Accreditation and recently expanded our nutrition center," Carnegy said. "Several of our team members are trained in weight control counseling and can set up a successful program with the client

for their pet." Carnegy Animal Hospital is continually

"And we are welcoming our newest associate in October: Dr. Kevin Hodgson," Carnegy said. "Dr. Hodgson has a special interest in exotics."

In the past year Carnegy Animal Hospital achieved certification as a Cat Friendly Practice under the auspices of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. The practice is expanding to create an exam room dedicated exclusively for cats and their owners as well as additional seating.

Carnegy Animal Hospital, located at 7 Langbrae Drive in Clayton Park, opened 21 years ago. The practice has also grown to five

> full-time veterinarians and a support staff that averages about 15. It has repeatedly been awarded the American Animal Hospital Association's top honor: an AAHA accreditation.



If you have a dog that lunges, pulls and barks at other dogs on walks, you know how stressful and embarrassing it can be. Finding professional help can be just as difficult as there are simply not many dog trainers with the true experience in working with reactive dogs. Many instructors would have you use aversive tools such as shock collars, which in fact can make problems even worse.

Tristan Flynn is a certified dog trainer (CPDT-KA) and a certified dog behaviour consultant through the international association of animal behaviour consultants. In partnership with Jollytails and the Tawzer Dog Company, he has developed an instructional DVD to specifically address leash reactive behaviour. The Leash Reactivity Blueprint is a complete leash reactivity guide designed for



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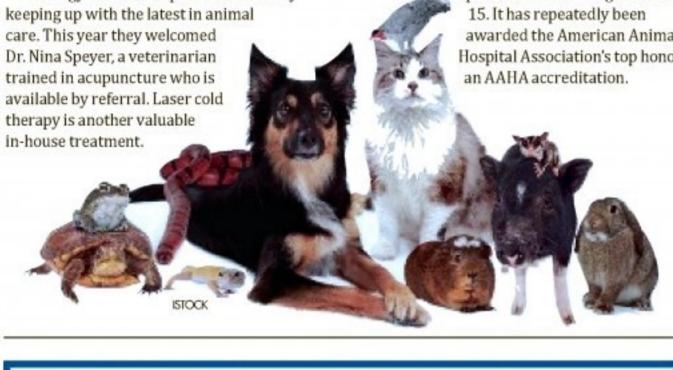
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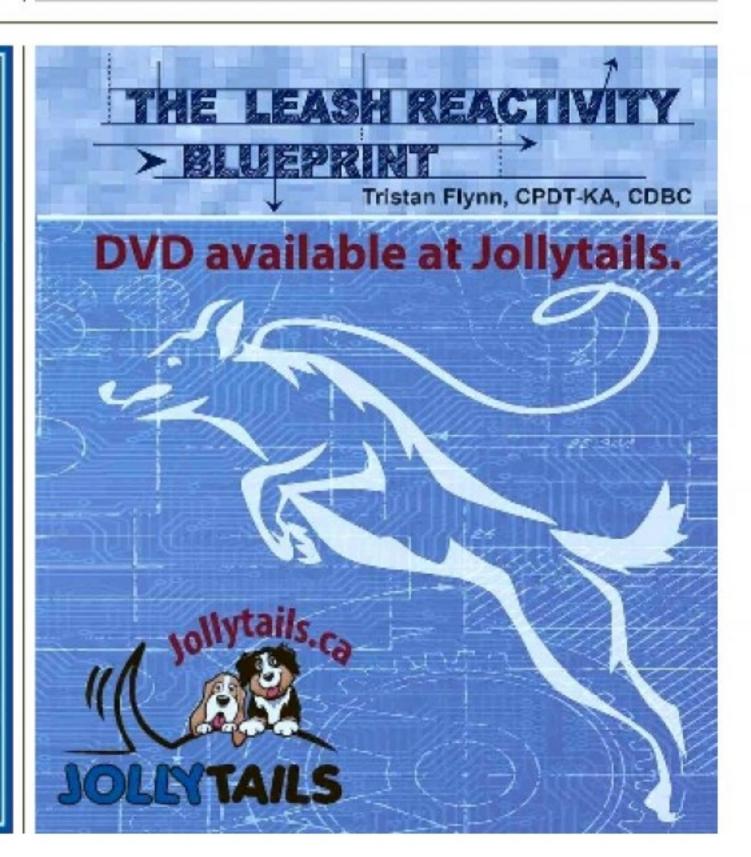
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Despite detractors, Envision proves itself

Michael Accardi AutoGuide.com

When Buick announced its intention to bring over the Envision built in China, you couldn't go 10 minutes on the Internet without stumbling into some kind of furious consternation.

After only a few short months on the market, Americans have proven that the Envision more than speaks to consumer needs. The Envision isn't just Buick's quickest turning model, but also the quickest turning among its chief rivals - its 25-day turnover rate is half of its next closest competitor.

Stacking the deck even more in Envision's favour - to date it has only been available in two top level trims, Premier I and II. With MSRPs well into the forties, the up-market focused 2016 Envision was offered with a generous smattering of standard equipment, Bose stereo, heated leather front and rear seats, heated steering wheel, advanced safety features and AWD.

Since Buick decided to turn itself around nearly a decade ago, the brand has lived at the alter of safety, whisper-quiet interiors and elegant, tasteful design.

On the road, the Hi-Per front

end keeps everything compliant during heavy acceleration, helping mitigate torque steer and increasing steering feel, while overall providing a soft and plush ride without being soft and wallowy.

The real star of the show is the new mechanical Twin-Clutch AWD system, similar to the one featured in the Cadillac XT5. Buick claims its version was tuned for comfort instead of outright performance. Where the twin-clutch Envision differentiates itself from competitors is its use of mechanical clutches in the rear differential to maximize traction instead of simply using stability control and individual wheel braking to manage slip.

When the Audi Q5 or Acura RDX detect slip, they use a mix of braking and stability control to reduce the torque being transferred to the ground, stopping the slip. The Envision, however, doesn't compromise torque for traction; its mechanical delivery allows it to direct 100 per cent of available torque to any given wheel.

For 2017 Buick equips all Envisions with ten standard airbags sprinkled throughout the cabin, along with Surround Vision and automatic front braking and rear parking aids. Uplevel trims can option a vibrating safety seat, forward crash avoidance, lane keep, lane departure, lane change alert, blind zone alert, and cross traffic alert.

Scoff if you want at the idea of a Chinese-built Buick, but it's a properly executed product that nestles itself in where the top of mainstream meets entry level luxury, making it an attractive proposition.

SPECIAL EDITION

Nissan Texas Titan makes debut at the State Fair

Stephen Elmer



ing frenzy that is Texas pickup truck sales by adding the new Texas Titan to the lineup.

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The Blackhawks are the odd-on favourites, according to Westgate Las Vegas SuperBook, to win the Stanley Cup at 6-1

Crosby taking latest Leafs to unleash their young talent setback 'day by day' Leafs to unleash their young talent setback 'day by day' Just over two months after Brendan Shanahan was hired to lead the Toronto Maple Leafs, the club used its top draft pick on to's season. Just how quickly that youth acclimates to the NHL will likely define the trajectory of Toronto's season.

Star suffered concussion in collision with teammate

Sidney Crosby collided with a Pittsburgh Penguins teammate last Friday at practice and thought nothing of it. Just one of those things.

When the Cole Harbour star woke up Saturday, though, the headache he experienced felt familiar and he was hardly surprised by the concussion diagnosis that will keep the Penguins captain out indefinitely.

It's well-worn territory to be sure for a player who missed the better parts of two seasons following a blindside hit to the head in January 2011.

That doesn't mean, however, that what Crosby's dealing with now will linger as long - or as frustratingly - as those interminable two years when he wondered when he'd get right.

If anything, what he endured then will only help him going forward.

"I think going through it, you understand the process and I think that progress is a good thing," he said.

Crosby felt good enough on Tuesday to spend nearly an hour on the ice skating alongside injured teammates Bryan Rust and Matt Murray, but he declined to



Sidney Crosby skated for nearly an hour and spoke to members of the media on Tuesday in Cranberry Township, Pa. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

I'm comfortable

things will be OK.

Sidney Crosby

set any sort of timeline on when he may return.

aftermath of the hit by Washington's David Steckel during the 2011 Winter Classic that and confident that forced Crosby to hit pause on his spectacular

career. "I just go day by day," Crosby said. "You don't look too far ahead."

Both Crosby and the team declined to get into specifics about Call it the residue from the what exactly happened, though

he insisted the injury is a result of getting "tangled" with a teammate at practice and not something that occurred during the recently completed

World Cup of Hockey, Crosby was the tournament's MVP after leading Canada to gold.

"I'm not making this up," Crosby said. "It was pretty clear I think."

Crosby will remain in the concussion protocol for now, a series of procedures he knows well, ones that continue to evolve as more research comes to light.

"We've learned so much in a short period of time," Crosby said. "I think there's a really good structure in place on how to get back and that kind of thing. I feel confident and comfortable with everything." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Just how quickly that youth

club used its top draft pick on small but skilled Swedish teenager William Nylander. The selection back in 2014

quickly established the direction of the club under Shanahan, which will be evident this season when a group of speedy, talented young players join the Leafs.

Nylander will be one of six rookies on the opening-day roster (all but one acquired under Shanahan) and one of 11 players aged 24 and younger. Two teenagers are in that mix: Auston Matthews, the first player picked No. 1 overall by the club in 31 years, and Mitch Marner, a shifty first-round pick from 2015.

acclimates to the NHL will likely define the trajectory of Toron-



William Nylander GETTY IMAGES FILE

"I think as the year goes on, with how many young guys we have, I think we're just going to get exponentially better than just your average team just because

we have so much youth," said James van Riemsdyk, a veteran at 26. "Guys that are just going to get that experience and get better when they get that kind of experience." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL IN BRIEF

Ristolainen, Sabres get deal done in the 11th hour

Sabres defenceman Rasmus Ristolainen can finally focus on starting the season now that contract talks are out of the way.

"It's great to get this done. Now I have a couple of days to turn my mind 100 per cent for the season," Ristolainen said on Tuesday. "I'm 100 per cent ready now."

Ristolainen spoke a few hours after signing a sixyear, \$32.4-million contract in a deal reached two days before Buffalo opens the season by hosting the Montreal Canadiens.

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I did a good job getting game speed for the World Cup.

Johnny Gaudreau who practised with the Calgary Flames for the first time this fall ahead of Wednesday night's season opener against the Oilers.

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Estrada to lead ALCS charge

MLB PLAYOFFS

Jays pitcher set tone in ALDS sweep with a Game 1 win

Toronto right-hander Marco Estrada set the early tone for the American League Division Series in his start last week in Texas. The Blue Jays are hoping for a repeat performance in the AL Championship Series on Friday in Cleveland.

Manager John Gibbons confirmed Tuesday that Estrada will be the Game 1 starter at Progressive Field. "I think he was the logical choice," Gibbons said. "We could have gone with anybody and felt good. But he's been so good in that role and then we'll just shape it after him in these next couple days."

Estrada, who had a 9-9 record and 3.48 earned-run average in the regular season, was dominant over 8 1/3 innings in a 10-1 Game 1 victory last Thursday. He held the top-seeded Rangers to one earned run and four hits and didn't issue a walk. The 33-yearold native of Sonora, Mexico was also strong in the playoffs last year. He posted a 2-1 mark and 2.33 ERA over three starts.

The Blue Jays enjoyed an offday Monday after capping their 3-0 ALDS victory with a 7-6, 10-inning win on Sunday night. They had a light workout Tuesday



Marco Estrada #25 of the Toronto Blue Jays throws a pitch against the Texas Rangers in game one of the American League Division Series. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

afternoon and some players took batting practice. The break before the next series gives the team a chance to recharge and allows some injured players to rest. It also allows for some potential tinkering of the starting rotation.

The rest of the series hasn't been confirmed after Estrada, but Marcus Stroman is a good

bet to start Game 2 on Saturday. He came through with a quality start in Toronto's wild-card game victory over Baltimore on Oct. 4.

Chances are good that 20game winner J.A. Happ would get the nod when the series moves to Toronto for Game 3 on Monday with Aaron Sanchez the likely choice for Game 4 on Tuesday.

"Our real big strength for us this year is our rotation," Gibbons said. "Any of them could do the job and do it well. They've been doing that. There's no automatics, no guarantees, but they're all pretty good." The Indians also swept their way to the ALCS, wrapping things up Monday night with a Game 3 I think he was the logical choice.

Blue Jays' coach John Gibbons on picking Estrada to start Game 1 of the ALCS

victory in Boston.

"A tough ball club to shut down and they're hot like us too," Gibbons said. "They ended up finishing really strong in winning the home-field advantage and then they swept Boston so they're playing really good too right now."

If a fifth game in the best-ofseven series is necessary, it would be played Oct. 19 at Rogers Centre. Cleveland would host Game 6 on Oct. 21 and Game 7 on Oct. 22 if required.

Blue Jays left-hander Francisco Liriano, who suffered a concussion last Friday, is improving and hopes to be ready to return Saturday once he completes Major League Baseball's seven-day concussion protocol.

However, Gibbons said righthanded reliever Joaquin Benoit will not play in the ALCS. He's still recovering from a torn calf muscle. Second baseman Devon Travis said his sore right knee is feeling better and he expects to be ready for Game 1.

Toronto is unbeaten in October and will take a six-game winning streak into Cleveland. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Radio man won't use Cleveland team name

Blue Jays radio broadcaster Jerry Howarth won't be using the word "Indians" when he calls the American League Championship Series between Toronto and Cleveland, and he says he hasn't uttered the team nickname on the air for nearly 25 years.

Howarth told The Fan 590 on Tuesday that he stopped using team names like Indians and Braves and terms such as tomahawk chop and powwow on the mound after receiving a letter from an aboriginal fan after Toronto defeated Atlanta in the 1992 World Series.

He called it "one of the best fan letters I've ever received."

"He said 'Jerry, I appreciate your work but in the World Series, it was so offensive to have the tomahawk chop and to have people talk about the powwows on the mound and then the Cleveland Indians logo and the Washington Redskins.' He just wrote it in such a loving, kind way. He said 'I would really appreciate it if you would think about what you say with those teams."

Howarth wrote the man back, promising he would stop using Indians, Braves and other offensive words. "I haven't from that point on," he said.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Utley homer forces Game 5 for Dodgers

tiebreaking run with two outs in the eighth inning after the Dodgers' bullpen faltered in relief of Clayton Kershaw, and Los Angeles avoided elimination Tuesday with a 6-5 victory over the Washington Nationals that forced a deciding Game 5 in their NL playoff.

Kenley Jansen worked the ninth for a save one day after giving up four late runs in a Game 3 loss, preventing the Nationals from clinching a post-season series for the first time.

Game 5 is Thursday in Washington, with 20-game winner Max Scherzer expected to pitch for the Nationals. Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said he will use left-hander Rich Hill and rookie Julio Urias, but did not announce which one will start.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a tworun homer for the Dodgers, who turned to Kershaw on three days' rest to salvage their season.

The score was tied 5-all with two outs in the eighth when

Chase Utley singled home the TUESDAY in Los Angeles





Andrew Toles got hit by a pitch from Blake Treinen. Pinch-hitter Andre Ethier followed with a single to left and Utley singled to right, scoring Toles from second for a 6-5 lead.

Trailing 5-2 in the seventh, the Nats had runners on first and second against Kershaw with two outs. Bryce Harper drew an eight-pitch walk to load the bases and chase Kershaw, who walked off with his head down. Pedro Baez forced a run to make it 5-3. Daniel Murphy's single off Luis Avilan dropped between Toles and Joc Pederson in left-centre field, scoring two runs to tie it at 5. Joe Blanton, who earned the win, retired Anthony Rendon on a swinging strikeout to end the inning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER BRIEFS

Germans atop of Group C Two quick-fire goals earned Germany a 2-0 win over Northern Ireland to put the defending champions top

of World Cup qualifying

Group C on Tuesday. Early goals from Julian Draxler and then Sami Khedira maintained Germany's perfect start after three games. Azerbaijan are the surprise package in second after a

scoreless draw against the

Czech Republic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Morocco rout Canada

Hakim Ziyech converted two penalties as Morocco shut out Canada 4-0 in a men's soccer friendly Tuesday.

Mehdi Carcela and Rachid Alioui also scored for Morocco, as Canada split its two-match October series. Canada defeated Mauritania 4-0 on Thursday. Canadian goalkeeper Milan Borjan left the game injured. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 chicken thighs · 2 shallots, sliced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced 3 cups red seedless grapes
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar 2 Tbsp dried thyme

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. 2. In a large, oven-safe skillet, warm olive oil over medium high heat. Brown, but don't worry about cooking through, chicken thighs, 3 minutes each side. Remove from skillet and place on a clean plate.
- 3. Reduce heat under skillet to medium and toss in shallots and garlic. Cook 3 minutes until they soften. Add grapes, stock, vinegar, sugar and thyme and give everything a good stir. Allow the sauce to begin to simmer.
- 4. Nestle chicken pieces into the sauce and place the skillet in the oven. Bake 20 minutes.
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Aries March 21 - April 20 Today you feel so tenderhearted that you are willing to put the interests of others before your own. In fact, you will find it rewarding to be able to help someone who is less fortunate.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 You might idealize a friend today. In one way, this promotes a warm friendship. Nevertheless, it's always wise to be realistic.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Someone in a position of authority (boss, parents or VIPs) will be aware of your efforts to help someone who is in need of assistance. This might inspire others to do likewise.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened today, give yourself a chance to enjoy beautiful things and places. Visit art galleries, museums, architectural buildings and landscaped parks.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 If you are sharing something with someone today, don't give away the farm. There is such a thing as "idiot compassion." Remember: You count, too.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Relations with partners and close friends will be warm and friendly today. If you can do something to help someone, it will be gratifying for both of you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 A co-worker might confide in you today or need some counselling. Or perhaps he or she just needs a sympathetic ear. Whatever the case, you are willing.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 You feel tender toward the needs of children today. If you can help a young person, you will. Meanwhile, romance is starry-eyed and dreamy!.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 You feel genuine concern and compassion for a family member today. This is why you want to show your support for them in any way that you can. This will be a win/win situation.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Don't worry if you spend a lot of time daydreaming or being lost in thoughts about fantasies. After all, everyone needs a day like this now and then.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Be careful with financial matters today because you are inclined to overlook details. Don't be a sucker for a sob story. Make sure you know what you're doing.

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